GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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RENOVATION OF TOURIST DESTINATIONS MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have undertaken a major renovation programme 81 tourist destinations including ancient monuments and archaeological sites in the country;

(b) if so, the total cost of expenditure to be involved in the project alongwith the names of States where these are likely to be implemented;

(c) whether the State Governments have agreed to provide all help and assistance in implementing this project;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government has also provided sufficient funds to the States to develop tourist sites; and

(e) if so, the amount allocated by the Union Government to States for the purpose during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b) and (c) : Yes, Sir. Government have undertaken major renovation and developmental works programmes at 84 tourist destinations of ancient Jain monuments and archaeological sites in the country. The total cost of expenditure involved is Rs.3406.92 lakhs. States where these projects will be implemented are as under:

Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab, Karnataka, Delhi, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Himacha Pradesh, Kerala, Orissa, Tamil Nadu & West Bengal.

(d) : All the projects are being executed through the central agencies, namely Archaeological Survey of India & CPWD, except for two where the execution is being done through Orissa State Government and INTACH (NGO).

(e) : The Government has taken up developmental works around various important historical Jain Temples, Teerthsthals in India as a part of celebration of 2600th Janam Kaiyanak of Bhagwan Mahavir celebrated for a period of one year from 6th April 2001 to 6th April 2002. Only the State Government of Orissa has been sanctioned funds amounting to Rs.28.00 lakhs during 2001-2002.